

I became a subscriber to Satellite Radio after years of putting up with the poor local radio station choices. Almost every year another independent station was bought up and turned into another Clear Channel clone. Each time this happened the local stations lost their "local flavor" and became more generic. XM has provided me with an opportunity to receive programming quality and variety that doesn't otherwise exist in my area. It is important enough to me that I am willing to pay XM every month to receive them.

To try to regulate or limit the programming choices that XM is able to provide is just wrong. These choices should be left to the free markets. I have not abandon my local stations, and still listen to a select few programs that are good enough to keep my interest. If I find programming on a local station that better fills a need (news, weather, etc.), that is where I will listen.

Please do not stifle the competition and innovation that has allowed such a great service to be born. Please do not limit my choices in the name of protectionism. Please reject petition 04-160.

Thank you,

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